Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Union Territory	No. of Total Cognizable Crimes reported under IPC during 1-1-87 to 30-6-1987	No. of Total Cognizable Crimes reported under IPC during 1-1-1988 to 30-6-1988
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	317	304
2.	Chandigarh	480	098
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	238	277
4.	Delhi	13,761	12,623
	Daman & Diu	N.A.	63
6.	Lakshadweep	17	N.d.
7.	Pondicherry	1,003	1,061
	TOTAL :	16,140	15,380g

NB (i) *Figures are based on monthly crime statistics.*

(ii) Goa attained the status of Statehood in May, 1987 thus was separated from the UT of Daman and Diu.

Spraying of copper fungicides in the rubber estates

2434. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to indiscriminate spraying of fungicides in the rubber estates of 10 years, a ten fold increase of the copper content has been reached in the rubber soils, which results in health hazards to the plantation and labourers;

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to deal with the dangerous situation of high copper content of the soils where rubber is grown; and

(c) what is the permissible level of copper content in rubber soil and what is the present position in different plantation in our country where fungicides are used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) The spraying of copper fungicides in rubber plantation is unavoidable in view of the necessity to control certain serious fungus diseases. The copper residue in certain rubber soils is reported to have increased from the initial 14 PPM to 77 PPM during the last 8 years. However no health hazards to plantation labourer working in these plantations have been reported so far. No permissible level has been fixed for copper content in the rubber soil because it is effective and economical copper spraying is carried out on plantation crops.

Export of man-made fibre

2435. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps are taken for export of Polyester Staple fibre PFY, and other yarns in view of large unutilised capacity in certain sectors of industries in man-made fibre, after the declaration of export of these items;

(b) whether any export has materialised; and

(c) whether any administrative measures are taken to implement the announced Export Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Exports of Polyester Staple Fibre and Polyester Filament Yarn are allowed within a quantitative ceiling.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Cash Compensatory Support @ 5 per cent on Polyester Staple Fibre and @ 8 per cent on Polyester Filament Yarn has been announced with effect from 8-6-88. The annual ceilings for their exports in the current year have also been announced.